PENDING CLAIMS

1. (Original)   A computer-implemented method for uploading image data to a remote computer, comprising:

    defining an area in a user interface adapted to receive an image;

    generating a thumbnail associated with the image when the image is associated with the area;

    partitioning the image into one or more fragments; and,

    uploading each fragment to the remote computer.

2. (Original)   The method of claim 1, further comprising determining whether a fragment upload was successful.

3. (Original)   The method of claim 2, further comprising generating a message if one or more fragment uploads had failed.

4. (Original)   The method of claim 2, further comprising retrying the uploading step if the fragment upload failed.

5. (Original)   The method of claim 4, wherein the message relates to one or more of the following: the name of the file, the number of fragments received, the number of outstanding fragments, the location of the file, and instructions on finishing the upload.

6. (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein generating the thumbnail further comprises decompressing the image file.

7. (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein generating the thumbnail further comprises loading the local thumbnail into a browser for viewing.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising generating metadata associated with each fragment.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising sending the metadata to the remote computer.

10. (Original) A computer-implemented method of uploading image files from a local computer to a remote computer, comprising:

       receiving input from a user identifying an image file;

       generating a thumbnail image from the image file;

       partitioning an image file into a plurality of fragments;

       initiating an upload of the fragments to the remote computer; and

       displaying information about the status of the upload of the image file.

11. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 10, further comprising determining whether a fragment upload was successful.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the displayed information includes upload failure message if one or more fragment uploads had failed.

13. (Original) The method of claim 11, further comprising retrying the uploading step if the fragment upload failed.

14. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising generating metadata associated with each fragment.

15. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising sending the metadata to the remote computer.

16. (Original) A system for uploading image data to a remote computer, comprising:

a display device for defining an area in a user interface adapted to receive an image;

a computer for generating a thumbnail associated with the image when the image is associated with the area and for partitioning the image into one or more fragments; and,

a communication device for uploading each fragment to the remote computer.

17. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the computer loads the local thumbnail into a browser for viewing.

18. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the computer displays information about the status of the upload of the image file.

19. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the computer determines whether a fragment upload was successful.

20. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the communication device retries the uploading if the computer determines that one or more fragment uploads had failed.